

FLORIDA HEART ASSOCIATES

JOB POSTING

RN/LPN – Nuclear Medicine – Full-Time

REPORTS TO: Technical Director - Nuclear Medicine

GENERAL DUTIES: Educate patients and verify preparations for nuclear/regular stress testing, operate stress test equipment. Monitor stress testing with the cardiologist and administer medications, team leader in emergency situations, communicate with doctors regarding patient care, help to coordinate nuclear doctor schedules, communicate nuclear and echo study test results with patients and referring physicians, and liaison between scheduling and nuclear medicine departments.

DUTIES INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Educate patients and verify preparation for nuclear/regular stress testing.
- Start IV's and obtain informed consents for testing.
- Prepare patients for stress testing: Check I.V. patency, attach ECG leads, set up ECG machine, prepare forms, review patient's history with cardiologist, take patient's blood pressure and record pre-test results.
- Assist cardiologist with patient's stress test: Operate ECG machine and treadmill, monitor patient's blood pressure and record results on the face sheet, be able to recognize dysrhythmic events and communicate observed events with the cardiologist, remove ECG leads following the patient's recovery and dismiss patient at the direction of the cardiologist.
- Administer medications as directed by the cardiologist.
- Responsible for calling patients with nuclear/regular stress and Echo/Vascular results.
- Responsible for patient follow-up: maintain log of patients tested (nuclear medicine lab worksheet) which contains interpreting physician's hand-written impressions and use this worksheet to document follow-up phone calls to the patient and doctors.
- Assist in the Nursing Clinic.
- Assist with triage duties and authorizations as needed.
- Administer nursing care as needed.
- Function as a team leader in emergency situations.
- Responsible for maintaining crash cart: check medications inventory, replace expired medications, and test defibrillator.
- Fill out doctor's "board" and coordinate interpreting physicians designation with nuclear medicine departments at hospitals as well as FHA.
- Coordinate patients' charts with future schedules.
- Scheduling as well as act as liaison between nuclear medicine and scheduling departments.
- Provide staffing for other departments and nursing locations as specified by supervisor. Perform other related work.
- Fill out doctor's orders when sending patients from FHA to the hospital.
- Must be flexible with assigned working hours to meet the needs of the department and patient care.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Knowledge of professional nursing theory and practice to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate patient care.**
- **Knowledge of organizational policies, regulations, and procedures to administer patient care.**
- **Knowledge of cardiac stress testing procedures, ability to recognize cardiac dysrhythmias, fluency in EKG reading.**
- **Knowledge of equipment operation: ECG machine, treadmill, and blood pressure machine.**
- **Knowledge of emergency protocols and ability to act calmly and effectively in those situations.**
- **Ability to communicate clearly with co-workers and doctors regarding best possible patient care.**
- **Knowledge of proper telephone etiquette.**
- **Skill in recognizing problems and recommending solutions.**
- **Attention to detail and accuracy in maintaining patient medical records.**
- **Behavior that exemplifies respect for others and the spirit of teamwork.**
- **Uses methods of protection from exposure to chemical, radiation, and bio-hazardous materials.**

EDUCATION/CERTS:

- **Graduate of accredited RN, LPN program**
- **ACLS and BLS certification**
- **Active, clear Florida RN/LPN license**

EXPERIENCE: One year of nursing experience with stress lab nursing experience preferred

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